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1. IN A COMMENTARY ON MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT, STRAITS TIMES SAID:
2. "THE UNITED STATES HAS ACTED OVER THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT IN A WAY THAT MAKES ITS FRIENDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SHUDDER AND ITS ENEMIES SMILE.
3. "IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THE AIRLIFT OF 1,000 U.S. MARINES INTO U-TAPAO AIR BASE 110 MILES SOUTH OF BANGKOK AS ANYTHING BUT A TANTRUM BORN OF A MOOD, HURT PRIDE, AN APPARENT NEED TO PROVE THAT AMERICA CANNOT BE KICKED ABOUT.
4. "HERE IS COMPLETE INSENSITIVITY TO THAI WISHES AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN PUBLIC OPINION. A GREAT NATION DOES NOT ACT LIKE THIS.
5. "THE IMPRESSION HAS BEEN GIVEN THAT WASHINGTON WILL RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER THE PROTESTS OF ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS IN PURSUIT OF ITS POLICIES.
6. "IT IS ARGUED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION

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HAS ALREADY MADE USE OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT TO DEMONSTRATE

THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN STILL BRING MILITARY POWER TO  
BEAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. BUT WAS THIS EVER IN DOUBT?

7. "IF THE UNITED STATES MUST PROVE ITS DEPENDABILITY AS AN  
ALLY, IT MUST DO SO IN A WAY THAT REASSURES AND DOES NOT  
FRIGHTEN.

8. "IN ITS PRESENT MOOD OF DISAPPOINTMENT AND FAILURE, THERE  
IS A REAL DANGER THAT WASHINGTON WILL OVER-REACT--AS PRESIDENT  
KENNEDY DID IN VIETNAM AFTER HIS HUMILIATION IN THE BAY OF  
PIGS, AND AS PRESIDENT FORD HAS NOW DONE IN THE CASE OF THE  
MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.

9. "AMERICAN STRENGTH IS UNQUESTIONED. IT MUST NOW SUMMON IT  
TO FIND AN ANSWER BASED ON DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN  
RESORT TO THE GUN." ITEM.  
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